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Firing incident at Red Hills Prohibition Station.

* 168 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been made to Government regarding firing early this year by the Prohibition Police force, in the Saidapet taluk, and if so, the cases of deaths due to the same in the slum areas of Saidapet taluk; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Yes. The residents of Naravarikuppam village, Chingleput district, sent a petition through Sri N. Ramakrishnan, M.L.A., regarding the firing incident at Red Hills Prohibition station. A child was killed as a result of the firing.

" (*b*) Necessary enquiries have been conducted. Disciplinary action is being taken against the Prohibition Sub-Inspector concerned in the firing incident for certain irregularities noticed on his behalf."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" எந்த மாதிரியான நடவடிக்கையை போலீஸ் சப்-இன்ஸ்பெக்டர்மீது எடுக்கப்பட்டது என்று அறியவிரும்புகிறேன். "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" He has been transferred from that place and the Deputy Commissioner has been requested to take disciplinary action against the Sub-Inspector for the irregularities noticed."

Payment of travelling allowance to the teachers of Alakkad S.V. School, North Malabar, for election duty.

* 169 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the teachers of Alakkad S.V. School, Alakkad, Payyanur Firka, North Malabar, have not yet been paid their allowances for attending election classes and for duty in the last Assembly General Elections; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir. The travelling allowance due to the teachers of the school was paid on the 27th September 1954.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Non-payment of salary to the watchmen guarding the rice godowns in Kozhikode, Malabar.

* 170 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) why 56 watchmen employed in the Reserve Godowns, Kozhikode, Malabar, maintained by the Government, have not been given their salary since the 20th April 1954; and

(b) why the pay of watchmen and employees in the godowns has not yet been fixed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) There are at present 61 watchmen for guarding the godowns taken over for storage of rice in Kozhikode. The pay and allowances of 47 watchmen up to the 30th June 1954 was paid on the 13th July 1954 and of the remaining 14 on the 7th August 1954.

" (b) The pay of all the employees in the godowns including watchmen has already been fixed. There was some delay in the fixation of the pay of the watchmen as they were to be paid at market rates, which had to be ascertained from the Tahsildars in the stations in which they were employed."

Prescribing language tests as a qualification for appointment as Tahsildars.

* 171 *Q*.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any Tahsildars have been appointed in 1954 in the Malabar district who have not passed Malayalam test;

(b) if so, how many; and

(c) the reasons for the appointments?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) *to* (c) No language test is prescribed under the rules as a qualification for appointment as Tahsildars. The particulars required by the Member are not, therefore, furnished."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" In view of the fact that they have got to handle their business in Malayalam, is not conversance with or a knowledge of Malayalam a *sine qua non* for their functioning usefully? Will the Government, therefore, try to appoint, as far as possible, only those persons as Tahsildars in Malabar who are familiar with that language, which is the language of the people?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I agree with the hon. Member."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know whether there are any Malayalee Tahsildars in Tamil areas, and if so, whether they are not able to carry on the administration in Tamil and English, without any knowledge of the Tamil language?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" There is not much difference between Malayalam and Tamil. So, they are able to carry on the administration." (Laughter.)